

The R3MC

January 2020



Calendar of Events

- 1/24 5p-6p – Basic Defensive Handgun
- 1/25 9a – Reloading Class
4p-8p – Basic Defensive Handgun
- 1/30 5p – Carry 4 Defense – ND CCW
- 1/31 5p – Level 1 Defensive Handgun
- 2/1 8a-5p – NDSU Collegiate Sectional Match – Pistol Range closed
4p - Level 1 Defensive Handgun Class
- 2/2 8a-5p – NDSU Collegiate Sectional Match – Pistol Range Closed
- 2/6 – Carry 4 Defense – ND CCW
- 2/7 6:30p-8p – Ladies Night
- 2/12 6p – Board Meeting
- 2/14 8a-8p – ND Muzzleloaders
- 2/15 8a-6p – ND Muzzleloaders

Message from the Board of Directors

Per previous communication one of our strategic objectives is to enhance the communication to our membership. As a direct result we are committed to providing a summary of each Board meeting to keep you all up to date on our evolution as a Range.

Well our first meeting of the year is in the books, a huge shout out to the past officers and Board members. Our Range is nothing without their efforts and yours as members. We will continue to rely upon their experience and wisdom moving forward. The January meeting was highlighted by an annual summary report that Terri provided outlining a whole bunch of positive metrics. As we process those data points, we will share many of them with you, it was a lot of great news.

Lisa is finalizing our budget for the upcoming year and we are pleased to announce we have a line item for capital projects, we will be setting aside funds on a monthly basis to complete capital projects. At the front of that list is a digital sign! In addition, moving forward we are going to establish a bit more structure around projects in general. The Chrono project for the rifle range is moving forward nicely. We also discussed our abundance of brass inventory; we have decided to hold a 1/2 off sale. Terri will distribute details as she sorts it out in the next week or so. Be patient all you reloaders!

We are going to start heading up different committees to help with different issues we have at the range. We are going to have a buildings and grounds committee, headed by John Bailey; a marketing and fundraising committee, headed by Lori Wertz; and our current education committee, headed by Lonnie Wertz. We are also exploring establishing a membership committee to help us grow our membership, should you have any interest in serving on the buildings and grounds committee, the marketing committee or the membership committee please reach out to Terri.

In closing, the range is on solid footing financially and our membership is growing. The leagues are going full speed but please recognize it is not too late to join one of our leagues. I know for a fact you can shoot all ten weeks of pistol league in under fifty minutes! We look forward to an exciting productive 2020.

John Bailey
Vice President

2020 Goals for the Range from the Board and Operations Manager

Lisa - My goal for 2020 would be to see the range saving funds for future projects on a monthly basis with careful budgeting. I believe we can do this and have the digital sign in by fall. The continued goal is to grow membership and continue to add services like the education program for adults and youth.

Terri - I'd like to see the range continue to grow the number of volunteers on our crew. Not just people to cover shifts but also folks that can help with maintenance, media, financial, legal, etc. "Many hands make light work" is an old saying, but it's very true. There are many gifted people out there that could help - we just need to reach out and find them.

Like Lisa, I'd also like to see our education program get off the ground as soon as possible. People should know that we have more to offer than just range time.

One last thing is, I'd like to see us move forward on changing our 501 status to C(3).

John - One of my key focus areas will be on communication, I have been approached by many members explaining they really like the updates and want to see more of that type communication. I would like to get a more rhythmic structured update communication pattern to the membership after every Board meeting.

Kevin - I also think growing membership is a priority. Our promotions should mention all our capital improvements of 2019 air conditioning of the pistol range, sound abatement in the rifle range, and a printer for the Kongsburg targets. Let's keep shooting fun.

Lori - I cannot say anything more than what the other board members have said, so I would like to add a heartfelt **Thank You** to all our members and visitors for a wonderful 2019. I hope 2020 only brings you and yours a wonderful and exciting year.

We have been discussing and looking at upgrading our non-profit status to a 501(c)3. By doing this, we will be better able to apply for grants and donations for silent auctions, etc. We have found that we cannot do the upgrade on our own. If anyone has experience in this field or knows of someone, please email me. As a non-profit, we would love it if an attorney could donate their time and experience, if possible. Any amount of time you can give can be volunteer hours and can go towards a discount on your membership. My email is lori.a.wertz@gmail.com. I would like to get this going as soon as possible!

A trip to the Range

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and is having a good new year! It has been a busy year so far for the RRRMC, the winter is always an exciting and busy time at the range. I am honored to be chosen by my fellow board members to represent the RRRMC as the board president. In the new year I would like to maintain an open-door atmosphere for the members and volunteers. We are always striving to enhance the range experience, as well as, the range's long-term success. Our winter leagues are currently running in full swing, there is still time to get signed up! The board has assembled an education committee and our plan is to start hosting classes for beginners and advanced shooters. Along with personal safety and firearm safety classes.

I thought I would share with all of you how my first trip to the range became more than just a trip to a shooting range. I quickly learned that the RRRMC is more than just a shooting range.

It was about this time of year six years ago, when my wife and I first visited the range and were very impressed with the volunteer staff at the RRRMC. It was a busy day and we had to wait a few minutes for a lane to open in the handgun range. When we were finished shooting the desk volunteer explained how the place was run by volunteers and how there is always need for help.

It wasn't till after my 3rd visit to the range that I decided to purchase a standard membership so I could volunteer and to shoot more, however, at that time, it was impossible to find ammo for the calibers I owned. Shortly after I purchased my membership, I started to learn the desk (I still remember being taught the proper procedure for making a perfect pot of coffee). I then took the RSO class and began to volunteer as an RSO.

As much as I enjoyed the volunteer work I was doing, an opportunity presented itself to help teach a new youth program at the RRRMC. It was a BB Gun class that would eventually prove to be a very popular class that nearly sells out every month. Since then, I started learning and teaching other shooting classes as well as getting involved with teaching hunter education for the ND Game and Fish.

Joining the range led to an opportunity for me to step out of my comfort zone and get involved with an organization and individuals that share the same passion for the shooting sports that I have. I encourage all of you to join us at the range and make your own memories.

Lonnie Wertz

Board President

North Dakota and Minnesota Junior Olympic State Championship

The North Dakota and Minnesota Junior Olympic State Championship was held in Devils Lake on January 12, 2020. This event offers participants the opportunity to earn an invitation to compete in the 2020 National Championships in Colorado Springs. We wanted to congratulate some of the top scorers that are connected to RRRMC.

Minnesota

Air Pistol - Jr. Men	Cole Hilsgen	(NDSU Marksmanship Club)	Bronze	509 pts.	3x
Air Pistol - Jr. Men	Jared Zollner	(NDSU Marksmanship Club)		488 pts.	5x
Sport Pistol - Jr. Men	Jared Zollner	(NDSU Marksmanship Club)	Gold	507 pts.	3x
Sport Pistol - Jr. Men	Cole Hilsgen	(NDSU Marksmanship Club)	Silver	507 pts.	1x

North Dakota

Air Pistol - Jr. Men	Dylan Markwardt	(RRRMC Junior Air Program)	Gold	509 pts.	7x
Air Pistol - Jr. Men	Keenan Kuntz	(RRRMC Junior Air Program)	Silver	498 pts.	5x
Air Pistol - Jr. Women	Kaitlin Slaubaugh	(NDSU Marksmanship Club)	Gold	535 pts.	6x
Sport Pistol - Jr. Men	Dylan Markwardt	(RRRMC Junior Air Program)	Gold	494 pts.	4x
Sport Pistol - Jr. Men	Keenan Kuntz	(RRRMC Junior Air Program)	Silver	464 pts.	0x
Sport Pistol - Jr. Women	Kaitlin Slaubaugh	(NDSU Marksmanship Club)	Gold	473 pts.	1x
Air Rifle - Jr. Women	Amanda Hintz	(NDSU Marksmanship Club)	Silver	590 pts.	

Congratulations to all the participants!